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WILLIAM DAVIS OF LONDON, ENGLAND, 1764-1809 AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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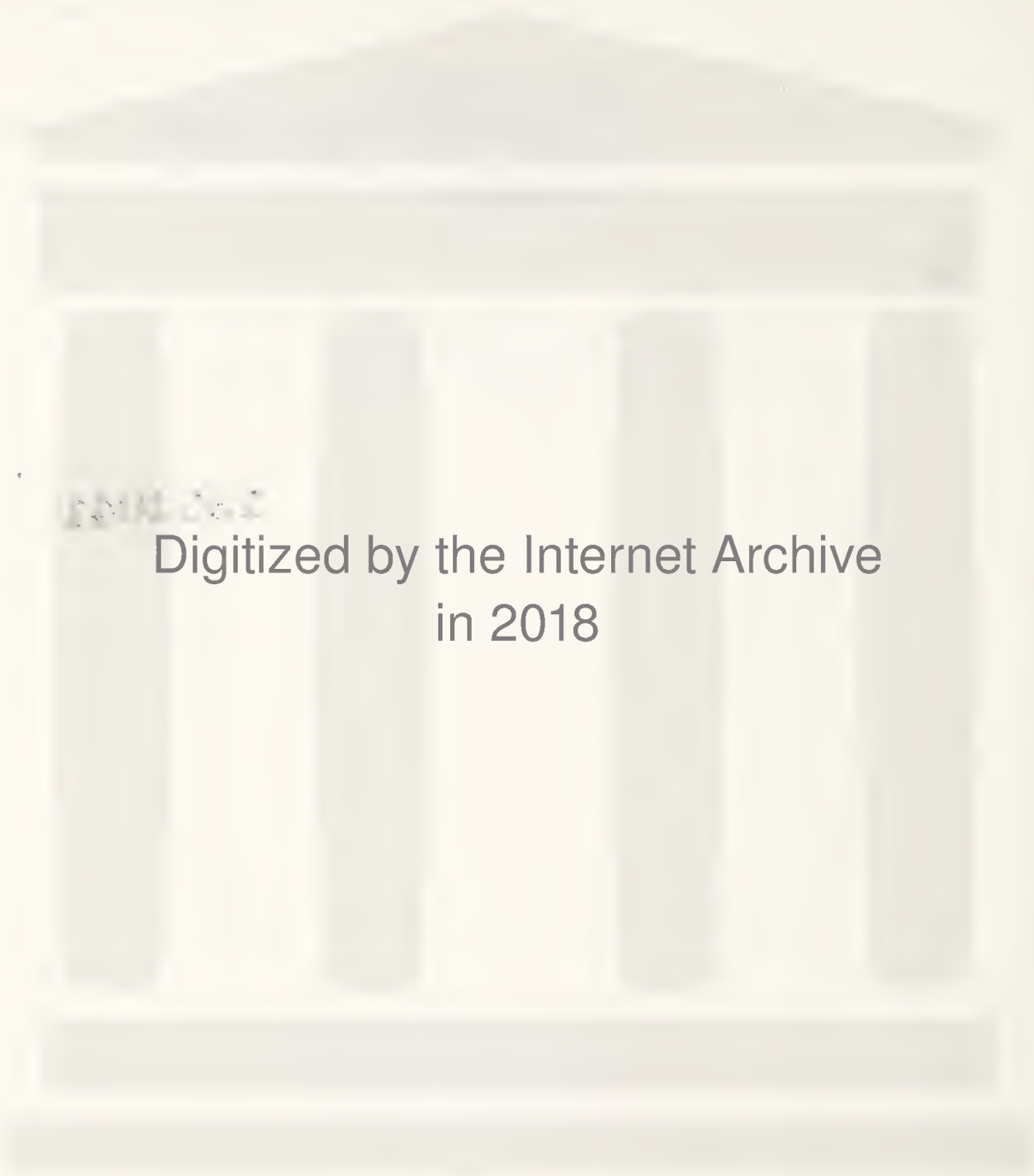

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ORIGIN OF THE DAVIS NAME

Wales, the land of mountains, was always a country of isolation and independence. Wales was called by the inhabitants, "Cymru," Land of Brothers; by others, "Land of Strangers."

Wales was ever a land of tradition. One tradition was that the Davis family descended from Llewellyn, the Great, through the princes, Llewellyn and David. Their only successor was the granddaughter of Llewellyn, Eagle of Snowdon, Trevillian, who married Simon de Montfort.

Davis signifies, "well-beloved." The first of the name to arrive in New England was Barnabas Davis who embarked from England in a ship named, "Blessing" in July 1635. He settled in Charlestown, Massachusetts in 1635.

Source: Edwards, Story of the Nations.
Wyman, Thomas Bellows, The Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown in the County of Middlesex and and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1629-1818 p. 278.

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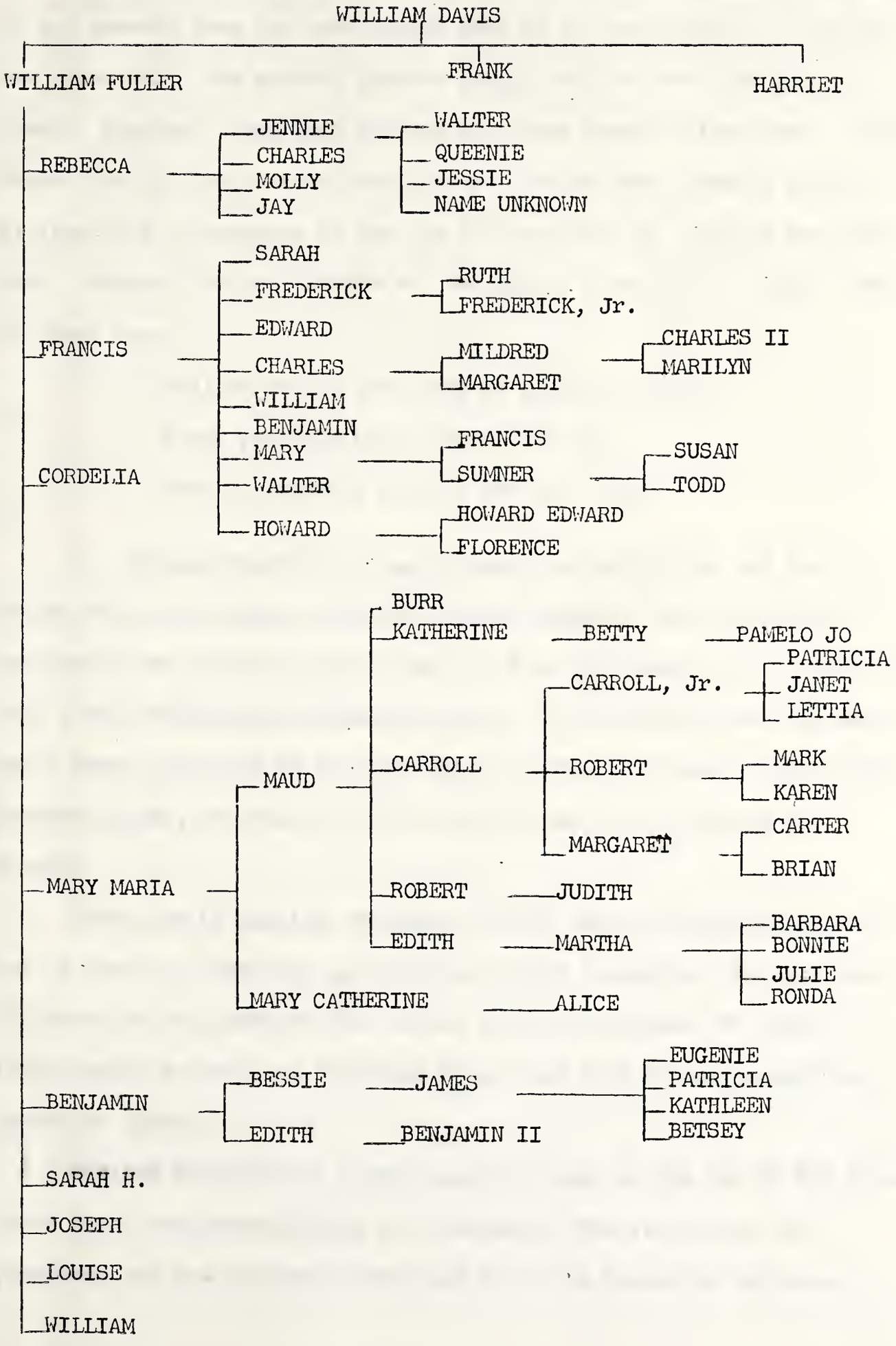
WILLIAM DAVIS
WILLIAM FULLER
FRANK
HARRIET
REBECCA
JENNIE
CHARLES
MOLLY
JAY
WALTER
QUEENIE
JESSIE
NAME UNKNOWN
FRANCIS
SARAH
FREDERICK
RUTH
FREDERICK, Jr.
EDWARD
CHARLES
MILDRED
MARGARET
CHARLES II
MARILYN
WILLIAM
BENJAMIN
CORDELIA
MARY
FRANCIS
SUMNER
SUSAN
TODD
WALTER
HOWARD
HOWARD EDWARD
FLORENCE
MARY MARIA
MAUD
BURR
KATHERINE
BETTY
PAMELO JO
CARROLL, Jr.
PATRICIA
JANET
LETTIA
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MARTHA
BARBARA
BONNIE
JULIE
RONDA
MARY CATHERINE
ALICE
BENJAMIN
BESSIE
JAMES
EUGENIE
PATRICIA
KATHLEEN
BETSEY
EDITH
BENJAMIN II
SARAH H.
JOSEPH
LOUISE
WILLIAM

1. WILLIAM[1] Davis was born in 1764 at London, England. The names of his parents have not been handed down to his descendants. William was a merchant. He married Frances (Fanny) Fuller born 1769 also at London, England. They left England after the birth of their son, William Fuller, in 1805 and went to New York City where they opened a Bakery. William died of jaundice at the age of forty-five in 1809 at New York City. Frances died of cholera at the age of sixty-five in 1834. Their children were:

2. William Fuller born 1805 at London, England.

3. Frank probably born at New York City

4. Harriet probably born at New York City.

2. WILLIAM FULLER[2](William[1]) Davis, son of William and Frances Fuller Davis, was born in 1805 at London, England. He came with his parents to New York City where they lived in the Bowery section which was then a very fashionable residential area. William Fuller married Mary Maria Hague born 1809 at New York City in 1827. They moved to Pine Hill, Genesee County, New York in 1832 where William Fuller engaged in farming.

They came to Lansing, Michigan in 1851 where William Fuller was one of three to introduce agriculture to this community. He purchased 160 acres of land between what is now Washington Avenue, Mt. Hope, Pennsylvania Avenue, and the Grand River, the site of the present Reo Motor Car Company.

William Fuller built a very beautiful home on the top of the hill where Baker and Cedar streets now intersect. The family was very prominent and his daughters were said to be the belles of the town.

William Fuller brought his family from Pine Hill, Genesee County, to Buffalo, New York where they took the boat to Detroit and then came by stagecoach from Detroit to Lansing. Their luxurious future home had been started prior to their coming. They were devoted members of the Universalist church.

It is of interest to note that William Fuller purchased his lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery in 1875. He died that same year probably on August 8th. He was buried on August 11, 1875 (Mt. Hope Cemetery Record)

The William Fuller Davis family members are buried on the West half of the lot. The East half of the lot is used by his son Benjamin F. Davis and his family. Benjamin paid for the perpetual care of the lot.

Mary Maria Hague Davis died probably on March 23rd. She was buried on March 26, 1890 (Mt. Hope Cemetery Record)

The children of William Fuller and Mary Maria Hague Davis were:

5. Rebecca birth date unknown.

6. Francis born November 2, 1834 at Elba, Genesee County, New York.

7. Cordelia born 1837 Batavia, Genesee County, New York.

8. Mary Maria born April 8, 1840 at Genesee County, New York.

9. Benjamin Franklin born October 14, 1844 at Pine Hill, Genesee County, New York.

10. Sarah Louisa born 1848 at Pine Hill, Genesee County, New York.

11. Joseph died in infancy.

12. Louise died young.

13. William.

Nothing further is known concerning Frank and Harriet, entry numbers 3 and 4, the other two children of William and Frances Fuller Davis.

5. REBECCA[3] (William Fuller[2], William[1]) Davis, daughter of William Fuller and Mary Maria Hague Davis, was the oldest child to live. Apparently, there were one or more children who died in infancy prior to her birth. Rebecca's birth date is unknown. She married-------Parker. They lived in Pine Hill, Genesee County, New York. Their children were:

14. Jennie.

15. Charles who died young.

16. Molly died young.

17. Jay.

14. JENNIE[4] (Rebecca[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Parker, daughter of Rebecca Davis --------Parker, married John Terry. They also had four children:

18. Walter.

19. Queenie.

20. Jessie.

21. Name unknown.

Source: Information on pp. 4-6 came from the oldest members of the family who were living at the time it was obtained, namely, Mrs. J.W. Knapp, Mrs. A. Burton Collins, Mr. Charles Hague Davis, and from Michigan Centennial History Vol. III, p. 485.

6. FRANCES[3] (William Fuller[2], William[1]) Davis, son of William Fuller and Mary Maria Hague Davis, was born November 2, 1834 at Elba,

New York. Francis was seventeen when the family changed their residence from Pine Hill, Genesee County, New York to Lansing, Michigan in 1851.

Francis married Julia Almina Polhemus born August 25, 1840 at Attica, New York on January 18, 1860 at Delhi, Ingham County, Michigan in the presence of his mother, Mary Maria Hague Davis and Nelson B. Jones with Rev. D.W. Knickerbocker officiating.

Francis owned a great deal of property, but was employed by the Cary Safe Company of Buffalo, New York. He was a strong believer in education and wanted each of his children to have a college education.

Francis died on January 13, 1889 and Julia died on December 29, 1891. They are buried on the Francis Davis lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing. Their children were:

22. Sarah Selena born November 28, 1860, at Lansing, Michigan died March 25, 1862 at Lansing. She is buried on the Francis Davis lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

23. Frederick Calvin born December 31, 1862 at Lansing, Michigan.

24. Edward Winters born June 21, 1866 at Lansing, Michigan.

25. Charles Hague born July 6, 1869 at Lansing, Michigan.

26. William Francis born February 14, 1872 at Lansing, Michigan.

27. Benjamin H. born August 15, 1874 at Lansing, Michigan.

28. Mary Eva Cordelia born April 1, 1877 at Lansing, Michigan.

29. Walter Howard born November 3, 1879 at Lansing, Michigan, died April 23, 1881 at Lansing, Michigan. He is buried on the Francis Davis lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

30. Howard Floyd born August 21, 1883 at Lansing, Michigan.

Source: The names and dates of the children of Francis and Julia Davis

are from the Francis Davis family Bible which, in January 1957, was in the possession of Mary Davis Lyon (Mrs. Herbert L. Lyon) 6901 Fountain Avenue, Hollywood 28, California.

7. CORDELIA[3] (William Fuller[2], William[1]) Davis daughter of William Fuller and Mary Hague Davis, was born at Batavia, New York in 1837. She had a double wedding with her sister, Mary Maria, on October 9, 1861 at Lansing, Michigan. Cordelia married Captain M.S. Baker whose brother, Calvin Baker, married Anne Hague, a sister of Mary Maria Hague Davis, or Cordelia's aunt. It is believed that Cordelia's mother, Mary Maria Hague Davis, had another sister named Betsey.

Cordelia died in 1862 just one year after her marriage. She was buried, originally, in Oak Park Cemetery, Lansing, but when this cemetery was taken over by the City of Lansing for a park, removals were necessary.

Cordelia was removed and reburied on her father's lot on April 26, 1876. Cordelia died in childbirth and her infant son is buried in a separate casket at the end of her grave, on the William Fuller Davis lot, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

Source: Tombstone; Mt. Hope Cemetery Record; and family knowledge.

8. MARY MARIA[3] (William Fuller[2], William[1]) Davis, daughter of William Fuller and Mary Maria Hague Davis, was born April 8, 1840 at Genesee County, New York. She married George N. Walker born July 29, 1840 at Leroy, New York (Tombstone record) on October 9, 1861 at Lansing, Michigan in a double wedding with her sister, Cordelia.

The Walker family owned most of Okemos. They had a Gristmill,

Sawmill, and General store. Goerge's father, Ebenezer, was also Postmaster. His mother, Francis D. Blanchard, was the daughter of Rev. Abijah and Lydia Blanchard.

There is an interesting anecdote in connection with the Gristmill. It seems that George suffered from severe migraine headaches. One day Mary Maria reminded him that the fire insurance on the Gristmill lapsed that very day. It meant a trip to Lansing to get it renewed. With horse and buggy it was nearly a day's trip. George was too ill to go and thought that a day or two would make little difference. That night, September 9, 1863, the Gristmill burned to the ground, a complete loss. It was not rebuilt. The date was clearly remembered as it happened on daughter Maud's first birthday.

Mary Maria Davis Walker died on April 3, 1867 at the age of twenty-seven leaving two small daughters. Mary Maria was buried in Oak Park Cemetary, Lansing. When the cemetery was taken over by the City for a park, the burials were removed. Mary Maria was reburied on the William F. Davis lot, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing on April 26, 1876 (Mt. Hope Cemetery Record).

George died on May 4, 1880 and is buried in the Old Cemetery at Okemos, Michigan on the same lot as his relative (grandfather ?) Deacon Ezra Walker and his parents, Ebenezer and Francis Walker. Their children were:

31. Maud born September 9, 1862 at Okemos, Michigan.

32. Mary Catherine Blanch born September 15, 1865 at Okemos, Michigan.

Source: Dates are from Mary Maria Davis Walker's family Bible in the possession (January 1957) of Carroll Walker Collins, 439 6th Street,

Traverse City, Michigan. The dates have also been checked with the tombstones. The story of the Gristmill was related to Mildren Davis Barr by Mary Maria's granddaughter, Edith Collins Sullivan, 4341 Lansing Road, Lansing, Michigan.

9. BENJAMIN[3] (William Fuller[2], William[1]) Franklin Davis, son of William Fuller and Mary Maria Hague Davis, was born on October 14, 1844 at Pine Hill, Genesee County, New York. In 1851 at the age of seven, he came with his parents to Lansing, Michigan where his father had purchased 160 acres, the site of the present Reo Motor Car Company.

Benjamin attended Michigan State University, then Michigan Agricultural College. He left college to go to Washington, D.C. where he served as clerk in the Quartermaster's department. He was in Washington the night President Lincoln was assassinated.

In 1866, while in Washington, Benjamin joined Lafayette Lodge No.19. In 1867 he joined Columbia Commandery No. 2 and became a Knight-Templar. He was privileged to be an escort to Andrew Johnson, President of the United States to dedicate Boston's temple.

Benjamin returned to Lansing in 1867. He helped start Lansing Commandery No. 25 in 1869. In 1870 he organized Lansing Council R. & S.M., No. 29. Benjamin was also a member of Capital Chapter No. 9, R.A.M. He was a Knight-Templar for sixty-eight years.

Benjamin married, first, Delia Olivia (Eva) Sparrow born 1853 at Killibeg, Ennscorthy, Wexford County, Ireland about 1876, at Lansing, Michigan. She was a sister of Edward W. Sparrow for whom the hospital is named. Delia attended Rogers Female College in Lansing where her art talent was recognized. She was offered a position to teach art at Rogers, but did not accept.

Delia was a member of Arbutus Chapter No. 45, Eastern Star and the Lansing Aid Society.

Eva, as she was called, died on January 22, 1890 and was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery on the Benjamin F. Davis lot.

Benjamin and Delia were brought up as Universalists. After Delia's death Benjamin attended the Congregational Church. Their children were:

33. Bessie born at Lansing, Michigan.

34. Edith-Eve born at Lansing, Michigan.

The Lansing Company, Lansing's oldest manufacturing firm, was established here through Benjamin's efforts on October 4, 1881 with capital of $25,000. Located at Saginaw and Cedar streets, it started out as Lansing Wheelbarrow Company making fourteen different kinds of wheelbarrows. The company merged with Lansing Steel Fabricators and though they still make wheelbarrows, they build two and four wheel trucks, industrial trailers, et cetera.

Benjamin was a most prominent Lansing citizen and community builder. On June 1, 1886 he founded the City National Bank in Lansing with a capital stock of $100,000. He was cashier and general manager. In 1909 he was elected president and was made chairman of the board in 1929 and so remained until 1931.

Benjamin was included in, "Prominent American Bankers" published in New York City in 1897 by the Financier Company.

Benjamin married, second, Sara C. Day born September 13, 1859 on April 3, 1902 at Lansing (?) Michigan. Sara was a

graduate of Milwaukee College. She was a very able executive being president of the Lansing's Woman's Club and the Visiting Nurse Association. She was Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution and secretary of the Y.W.C.A.

Sara died February 14, 1950 and was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery on the Benjamin F. Davis lot. No children were born of this marriage.

Benjamin rendered valuable public service as treasurer of Michigan Agricultural College for thirty-five years from 1887-1922 without compensation.

He also donated his efforts to the Michigan Pioneer Historical Society as its treasurer for forty years from 1894-1934.

Benjamin was a great organizer. The Lansing Humane Society founded in the 1890's was started by him.

Benjamin was: president of the Michigan Banker's Association 1912-1913, a life member of Michigan's Directory of Bankers and of their executive council, vice-president for Michigan of the American Banker's Association 1913-1914 and a member of its executive council 1915-1918, and was state chairman of its Federal Legislative Council 1917-1918.

Benjamin was active in World War I projects, such as: French Relief 1914-1915, treasurer of Lansing's Belgian Relief 1914-1915, Ingham and Eaton County head of the Liberty Loan drive, and a director of Pere Marquette Railroad from 1914-1917.

Benjamin helped to organize Lansing's Central Trust Company and was its first president in 1926 and remained in that office until 1928 after which he continued as a director.

In 1928 in "Lansing This Week" Benjamin F. Davis was nominated to its Hall of Fame.

Benjamin was a member of the Michigan Forestry Association from 1909-1934. He was also an honorary member of the 119th F.A. National Guard from 1917-1934.

Benjamin owned a large summer home on highly restricted Harbor Point in Harbor Springs, Michigan. He was a member of the Harbor Point Association from 1895-1934.

The lovely spacious home at 528 South Washington Avenue was built by Benjamin and Olivia in 1887.

Benjamin was a charter member of the Lansing Country Club and of the City Club.

For recreation Benjamin enjoyed billiards, horseback riding, bicycling, walking, and shooting clay pigeons. He was a great reader and enjoyed good music. He organized and was president of a dancing club called, "Abracadabra" in 1869. Benjamin danced a little until he was eighty. He and Olivia also belonged to a Whist club from 1885-1890.

Benjamin had a very distinguished and aristocratic bearing. He observed the quaint custom of paying New Year calls.

This sketch can record only a few highlights in the life of Benjamin, banker, industrialist, and land owner. For a complete biography see, Michigan Centennial History, Vol. III, pp. 485-495. Olivia's biography is in Vol. III, pp. 497-498.

Source: Mildred Davis Barr's Scrapbook; Tombstone records; and Michigan Centennial History, Vol. III, pp. 485-498.

10. SARAH[3] (William Fuller[2], William[1]) Louisa Davis, daughter of William Fuller and Mary Maria Hague Davis was born in 1848 at Pine Hill, Genesee County, New York. She was three years old when the family moved

to Lansing, Michigan.

Sarah died in 1855 at the age of seven years and was buried in Oak Park Cemetery, Lansing. When the City of Lansing took this cemetery to make a park, removals were necessary. Sarah was reburied on the William F. Davis lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing on April 26, 1876.

Source: Tombstone; Mt. Hope Cemetery records.

There is no information on JOSEPH, entry 11, other than he died in infancy, nor on LOUISE, entry 12, other than she died young. Of WILLIAM, entry 13, there is no information at all. It is believed that he died at birth.

Source: The compiler does not know where entries 11, 12, and 13 are buried, so no dates from tombstones could be obtained.

23. FREDERICK[4] (Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Calvin Davis, son of Francis and Julia Almina Polhemus Davis, was born December 31, 1862 at Lansing, Michigan. Fred graduated from the Lansing High School and then entered Michigan Agricultural College, now Michigan State University, from which he graduated in Engineering in 1896.

While at M.A.C., Fred was the first officer of the newly organized R.O.T.C. unit serving as Captain of Company B.

Fred was a member of the Union Literary Society, now a national fraternity.

Fred continued his education at the University of Michigan where he received an advanced degree. His field was architectural engineering.

Upon the completion of his education Fred went West. He married Viola E. vanSchaick born March 2, 1867 at Johnstown, New York on January 6, 1891 at San Francisco, California. They lived in Lincoln, Cali-

fornia a few years before they moved to San Francisco where they lived continuously from 1902 until Fred's death in 1950.

The major part of Fred's professional career was spent with Gladding, McBean, & Company, manufacturers of Terra Cotta where he started as a draftsman and salesman and rose to be a member of the firm. Fred was a polished gentleman with a brilliant mind.

In the interest of the firm Fred traveled extensively in the Orient. Modern buildings of Terra Cotta were built in the Philippine Islands, Japan, China, New Zeeland, Australia, Borneo, and the Fiji Islands.

Fred belonged to a number of engineering societies. He was a Knight-Templar at the time when they drilled on horseback.

Fred and Viola were members of the Baptist Church. They kept a Chinese maid as Viola was partial to the Chinese and a Japanese houseboy as Fred had a great liking for the Japanese people.

Fred designed their home at 515 Buena Vista in San Francisco which was at the top of a high hill across from Buena Vista Park. They had an exceptionally fine view of the Golden Gate. Fred and Viola were married for over fifty-one years when Viola died on May 21, 1942 at San Francisco. Fred died on November 13, 1950 also at San Francisco, California. Their children were:

35. Ruth Viola born 1893 at Lincoln, California.

36. Frederick Calvin, Jr. died in childhood.

Fred was: a Past Master of "Gold Hill Lodge" #32 F. & A. M. at Lincoln, California, a member of Golden Gate Commandery #16, and a member of Islam Temple Shrine.

Fred, Viola, Ruth, and Fred, Jr. are buried in Cypress Lawn Cemetery on lot 209-E, San Francisco, California.

Source: Reminiscences by Frederick Calvin Davis; Pictures with dates; Newspaper clippings; and brother, Charles Hague Davis.

24. EDWARD[4] (Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Winters Davis, son of Francis and Julia Almina Polhemus Davis, was born June 21, 1866 at Lansing, Michigan. He graduated from the Lansing High School and then attended Michigan State University when it was M.A.C. for one year. He became interested in the Laundry business and owned and operated the Davis Laundry at 332-334 North Washington Avenue until his death.

Ed's avocation was the sport of kings, horse racing. From the age of twenty until he died he had a stable of at least five horses getting down to one horse, Ruth Ann, a trotter, when he was seventy-eight. Ruth Ann, was in the money in every race in which she was entered.

From "Ye Olde Photograph Album" State Journal, March 14, 1937 there is an account of one of Ed's famous races when he drove his own horse, Buster Davis.

Back in 1900 River Street was the city's winter racing course starting at Main. The hottest horse race in Michigan for those times took place when Ed's horse, Buster Davis, beat Lady Online in a $10,000 race witnessed by 5,000 people many coming from Detroit, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Kalamazoo, Mason, Williamston, and Charlotte. Previous to this encounter, Lady Online was rated the fastest horse in Central Michigan. It was at this race that traffic policemen appeared for the first time in Lansing. Six of Lansing's twelve policemen were stationed in the crowd at River and Kalamazoo. The third horse in the race was owned by Dr. Arthur McKercher. For the horse lovers it must be said that Lady Online was a half sister of Buster Davis.

Ed will always be remembered for his good sense of humor.

For a permanent home Ed built a large house with a red tile roof at 534 South Walnut. He also owned the adjacent house and lot facing on Hillsdale.

Ed married Cecelia A. Russell born November 4, 1864 at Horrowsmith, Ontario, Canada on September 10 1890.

Ed's sister, Mary, and his brother, Howard, the youngest children of Francis and Julia Davis orphaned by their parents deaths, lived with Ed and Cecilia for a number of years.

Cecelia was: a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Arbutus Chapter O.E.S., the White Shrine of Jerusalem of which she was a past high priestess, and the Fortnightly Literary Club.

Cecelia died on November 29, 1936 at Lansing, Michigan. She is buried in the Mausoleum at Deepdale Cemetery, Lansing.

Ed was: a Universalist, a member of Capital Lodge No. 66, F. & A.M., Bethel Shrine, and Arbutus Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

Ed died on December 6, 1944 at Lansing, Michigan. He is also buried in the Mausoleum in Deepdale Cemetery, Lansing. They had no children.

Source: Mildred Davis Barr's Scrapbook.

25. CHARLES[4] (Frances[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Hague Davis, son of Francis and Julia Almina Polhemus Davis, was born July 6, 1869 at Lansing, Michigan on West St. Joseph Street.

Charles attended Townsend Street School and the Lansing High School. Since he was interested in securing a business education, he chose to attend Rork's College, sometimes referred to as an Academy, instead of Michigan Agricultural College like his brothers where the curriculum

for men students included little besides agriculture and engineering. Incidentally, the student enrollment at Rork's was 350 to M.A.C's 300 at that time. Charles later studied law privately.

His father died when Charles was only twenty and his mother died when he was twenty-two, so he was on his own at a very early age.

Charles' first real job was with the Cary Safe Company of Buffalo, New York. The qualifications for the position were somewhat different than those of today in that a cutaway coat plus a mustache and beard to add age and prestige were required of a salesman while the company provided the silk hat.

Charles next opened a theatrical booking agency with Mr. Edmund Joyce with offices in Chicago and Denver. Their most interesting client was Harry Houdini. Houdini had a song and dance number that was terrible, but as a pastime he did magic tricks. Charles persuaded Houdini to drop his song and dance routine for which Charles could no longer get him bookings and be booked as a magician instead. As a magician, Houdini was a great success.

In 1895 Charles became business manager of the Gentry Dog and Pony Show which then consisted of two independent units. Charles bought the Swipes Show in Indiana and put it on the road as a third unit for Gentry. Later Charles bought another small show named, "Harrison" which made up the fourth and final unit. Charles managed all four shows, but traveled with the Number Two Show, or New York unit.

Gentry loaned Charles to the owners of the Denver Post newspaper to organize a circus and put it on the road for them. The Sells-Floto circus was the result of Charles' efforts.

The first outdoor moving picture was made of the parade of Gentry

Brothers circus in New York City in 1898.

In 1901 Charles left Gentry to go with Ringling Brothers. Charles was assistant to Otto Ringling who was treasurer. So Charles was, in fact, business manager from 1901 through 1909.

While with Ringling Brothers, Charles bought the Barnum & Bailey circus in 1906 for $400,000 with a down payment of $10,000 for the Ringlings. Charles picked some of the young men that he had brought with him from the Gentry Show which he had personally trained to take over the Barnum Show. The new management succeeded in having the circus pay for itself. The two circuses were not combined until 1919.

Charles bought Pullman cars for both Gentry and Ringling circuses from Robert Todd Lincoln, son of President Abraham Lincoln. Robert Lincoln was very fond of Charles and gave him a full length Pullman mirror which, in 1957, is in possession of Mildred Davis Barr, 1124 Sabron Road, East Lansing, Michigan.

Charles had an unusual experience with the very rich Hettie Green. In appreciation for a past favor Hettie had Charles' private railroad car taken without his knowledge and had it refurbished with new carpeting et cetera. It was an overwhelming surprise.

While in the South with the circus, Charles had an unusual opportunity to become a rich man. Charles was offered a half interest in Coca Cola for fifty dollars. It was a very hot summer's day in the era (between 1895-1909) before mechanical refrigeration. The sample given Charles was warm and so bad tasting that he never thought any one would ever buy such a product.

In those days diamonds were considered a top investment, so Charles went across the street and bought an enormous diamond instead of a

half interest in Coca Cola, a choice that his descendants greatly regret in 1957.

In order to have a family home life Charles left Ringling Brothers at the end of the 1909 season and entered into partnership with John Wilson in owning and operating the Colonial Theatre from 1910-1913. This theater is now known as the "Esquire" in 1957.

A group of business men insisted that Charles run for Mayor much against his personal desire. In fact Charles tore up all the signed petitions. Only when they presented a completed second set of petitions did he consent to run. Charles had been away from Lansing so long that he was unknown, so it was no surprise that the well-known and well-liked incumbent, Mayor Gottlieb Reutter, was re-elected.

In 1914 Charles was invited to become the first Secretary-Manager of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce which position he held until he re-signed in January 1928 to recover from a triple-fractured leg injury which occurred in 1927. However, he was persuaded to remain until April and a successor could be found. As it turned out, Charles selected his own successor, C.W. (Bill) Otto.

During his term as Secretary-Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, Charles secured an auditorium for Lansing, the gift of his friend, W.K. Prudden in 1915.

The organization of the Michigan Pikes Association in 1915 was a milestone in the interest of better roads.

A major accomplishment was the paving of the three mile strip between Lansing and East Lansing in 1916. This cement pavement is believed to be the first to connect two cities in the United States.

During World War I, 1917-1918, Charles was appointed by Governor

Alex Grosbeck to the War Labor Board which, among other things, regulated the use of coal, fuel, and gasoline.

Charles originated the idea of "Gasless Sunday" to save gasoline for the war effort.

While traveling in Texas with Ringling Brothers, Charles was impressed by the Texas Rangers. Wanting a similar body for Michigan, Charles helped to organize the Michigan State Police in 1920.

Charles helped to start the Lansing Dairy Company in 1922, the only all-farmer-owned institution in Lansing at that time.

Charles knew that Lansing was badly in need of a second hospital, so when Father John O'Rafferty came to him saying that the Catholics wanted to build and operate a hospital, but had very little money and would need outside help, Charles secured the financial backing of the Masons and other Protestants to build the St. Lawrence Hospital to be available to persons of all faiths, in 1922. It was quite an unusual feat then to get Catholics and Masons working together on a project.

In 1923 Charles attended the International Chamber of Commerce meeting in Rome, Italy as the U.S. delegate representing all the Chambers of Commerce in the United States. He was the unofficial representative of Warren G. Harding and also represented the state of Michigan.

The trip included a tour of twenty-six nations covering a period of three months.

Charles had the unusual privilege of attending a Knight-Templar ritual meeting in a stone quarry accepted as the authentic site of King Solomon's Temple.

Charles was one of the first to be interested in aviation,

locally. He interested Governor Alex Grosbeck in getting the State to donate a 300 acre tract three and one-half miles northwest of Lansing off U.S. 16 as a site for an airport in 1918 which was known as "The Charlie Davis Landing Field."

In October 1925 the State Administrative Board turned the field over to Charles as Custodian-Manager which position he held on a volunteer basis for nine years from 1925-1934 until the city of Lansing became interested in leasing it as an airport from the Board.

In addition to serving as Secretary-Manager of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce, Charles managed the Prudden Auditorium and did all the bookings, et cetera. Today the Chamber of Commerce and the Civic Auditorium are separate organizations.

Charles was next called to be Superintendent of Buildings and Property for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission from 1934-1937.

Charles worked for twenty-five years to get a bridge across the Grand River so Waverly Road could be extended from the Charlotte Road M-78, where it then stopped, to U.S. 16. Charles gave three and a half acres of land for the highway right-of-way. The bridge became a reality in 1940.

Charles became a Real Estate Broker in 1948, but not for the practice of Real Estate as a profession.

Charles married, first, (Letta) Belle Slocum born September 22, 1876 at Delta Center, Eaton County, Michigan on December 23, 1902 at Lansing, Michigan with Rev. William A. Frye officiating.

The Slocums, descended from the Peerage, came to America from England between 1630-1637 and settled in Eaton County in 1851, the same year that the Davis family came to Lansing.

The Slocums had a very fine dairy farm out West St.Joseph Street. The buildings were and still are most attractive. The house, though remodeled, still stands in 1957.

Belle attended Lansing High School and the Lansing Business University. She was a law secretary before her marriage. Elocution was then the popular form of entertainment at social gatherings and Belle was an elocutionist much in demand. Belle was a charter member of the Fortnightly Literary Club and had the distinction of being the first Fortnightly Club member to have a child. The Club presented Mildred Francis Davis with a silver cup commemorating the fact that she was the first Fortnightly Club baby.

Belle also excelled in needlecraft. Her instrument was the mandolin. Belle was a very devoted member of the Central Methodist Church.

In 1904 Charles had the courage and daring to buy a new contraption called an automobile, a one cylinder Reo. All accessories that are now considered to be a standard part of a car had to be bought separately as extras, such as, a windshield, doors for the car, et cetera. The most important accessory was the horn which was similar in shape to a present day light bulb. It was made of rubber which one squeezed to get a honk-honk sound. The car made a chugging noise and terrified pedestrians and horses alike. There were three other automobile owners in Lansing at that time, R.E. Olds being the best known.

Belle died on January 20, 1912 at Lansing, Michigan at the age of thirty-six from tuberculosis. She is buried on the Francis Davis lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing. Charles and Belle had two children:

37. Mildred Frances born September 20, 1906 at Lansing,

Michigan.

38. Margaret Charlene born October 19, 1909 at Lansing, Michigan.

Charles married, second, Maude Ella Risdale also of an old pioneer family. Maude was born October 29, 1881 at Lansing, Michigan. The family moved to Albion, Michigan where Maude entered school. Later the family returned to Lansing where Maude attended Lansing High School. Nursing was Maude's profession before her marriage to Charles.

Maude attended the first meeting of the Lansing Branch of the National Farm and Garden Association. She was an early member of Matinee Musicale.

In 1957 Maude is: a patroness of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, a member of Zeta Tau Alpha's Mothers Club, a member of Plymouth Congrational Church and Emily Porter Circle, and a sustaining member of Sparrow Hospital Auxiliary.

There were no children born of this marriage.

Charles was: a Knight-Templar, a Shriner, a member of Capital Lodge No. 66, F. & A.M., Lansing Lodge No. 196, B.P.O. Elks, a charter member of the Lansing Rotary Club organized in 1916, and an honorary member of the Michigan National Guard in 1917.

For a number of years Charles was a member of the Lansing Country Club and the City Club.

Charles was made: an honorary life member of Rotary in 1928, a life member (the first person to be so honored) of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce in 1928, an honorary Deputy Fire Marshall in 1933, a life member of Elks in 1938, a life member of Knights-Templar in 1947, and a member of the local tent unit of Circus Fans Association of America,

founded in 1951, named the Chaludis-Davis chapter which was named in part for Charles.

Charles was an enthusiastic Republican having been a delegate to conventions many times.

Charles was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Charles died January 24, 1957 at the age of eighty-seven and one-half years. He is buried on lot 90-Z in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

Source: Daughter, Mildred Davis Barr; Family scrapbook; City in the Forest by Birt Darling pp. 224-235 and p. 254.

26. WILLIAM FRANCIS[4] (Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Davis, son of Francis and Julia Almina Polhemus Davis, was born February 14, 1872 at Lansing, Michigan. Will graduated from Lansing High School and attended Michigan Agricultural College, now Michigan State University. He was seventeen when his father died and nineteen when he lost his mother.

Will studied Law, privately, passed the Bar exam and was admitted to practice. He engaged in a variety of occupations ~~as~~ legal consultant to various businesses.

For five years Will was Chief Clerk of the State Board of Health when Dr. Baker was Director.

On stationery with the imposing letterhead of the American Dental Syndicate, William F. Davis is listed as Business Manager.

Will also did legal work in the closing of a local jewelry store.

Will married Nellie B. Davis born May 22, 1873 at Armada, Macomb County, Michigan on September 19, 1894 at Saginaw, Michigan. The two Davis families were in no way related.

Will was raised a Universalist while Nellie was a Baptist.

Nellie's father owned a large wholesale grocery establishment in Saginaw, Michigan. Nellie had a very beautiful voice and sang a great deal in public. She sang at the wedding of Charles Hague Davis and (Letta) Belle Slocum. She and Will were also witnesses to the marriage.

Will was also musical and played the piano well. He was a fine distinguished-looking man and was always interested in helping people.

Will and Nellie lived in several locations in Lansing. Around 1897 they lived on West St. Joseph Street. Next they moved to East Shiawassee. After that they lived on Ottawa Street across from the Capitol. Their last home was at 113 West Lenawee where Will died probably on September 22, 1904 and was buried on September 25, 1904 (Mt. Hope Cemetery record)

Will was a member of Capital Lodge No. 66, F. & A.M., and served the Lodge as Senior Warden.

Nellie died after 1933, but place and date is unknown.

Will is buried in the Seth Davis Mausoleum, Forest Lawn Cemetery, section 8, lot 343 at Saginaw, Michigan.

There were no children born of this marriage.

Source: Francis Davis Bible; Reminiscences by Mary and Bert Lyon and Charles Hague Davis; Forest Lawn Cemetery record.

27. BENJAMIN H.[4] (Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Davis, son of Francis and Julia Almina Polhemus Davis, was born August 15, 1874 at Lansing, Michigan.

Benjamin attended the Lansing Public Schools before he enlisted in the army. He was a member of Company E, 31st Michigan Infantry serving in the Spanish-American War, 1898-1902. While on duty in Cuba,

Benjamin contracted yellow fever and died of this illness on March 21, 1899 at Amara, Cuba, at age twenty-five. He was unmarried.

Benjamin is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing on the Francis Davis lot.

Source: Tombstone record; Francis Davis Bible.

28. MARY[4] (Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Eva Cordelia Davis, daughter of Francis and Julia Almina Polhemus Davis was born April 1, 1877 at Lansing, Michigan. She was twelve when her father died and at fourteen she lost her mother. She lived with a married brother, Edward, for a number of years.

Mary graduated from Lansing High School and from Ferris Institute. At Ferris she met Herbert Leander Lyon born April 20, 1874 at Mason, Michigan. They were married at the home of her brother, William Francis Davis, 113 West Lenawee Street, on May 23, 1900 at Lansing, Michigan.

After their marriage Mary and Bert went to North Dakota where Bert had a position with a law firm. This firm owned a newspaper and Bert worked for both the law firm and the newspaper.

After three years, about 1903, they moved to Bowbells, North Dakota where he had a law partnership with a brother. Bert bought a newspaper in Bowbells and published it for several years though he retained his law partnership. It was in Bowbells that Bert joined the Masons and in 1911 was its Master. Bert has a fifty-year button.

From Bowbells Mary and Bert went to Davenport, Iowa to the Palmer School of Chiropractic. Both were graduates and practiced for six years in Glenwood, Iowa. Bert was president of the State Chiropractic

Association for two years. In 1918 Bert was elected Mayor of Glenwood, Iowa. Bert holds the distinction of being the first chiropractor in the United States to serve as Mayor of a city.

However, the climate of California could not be resisted and in 1922 they moved to Hollywood, California. Both continued in practice having movie stars as patients and also as neighbors.

Both Mary and Bert are members of the Order of Eastern Star. Mary served as Matron in 1919 and 1920 in Glenwood, Iowa. The Star and Masonic Orders still continue to be their main social enjoyment together. They have two children:

39. Francis (Pete) Davis born July 29, 1905 at Bowbells, North Dakota.

40. Sumner Jamieson born June 18, 1909 at Bowbells, North Dakota.

Source: All dates and information came by letter from Mary and Bert Lyon to Mildred Davis Barr. Mary (Mrs. Herbert L. Lyon, 6901 Fountain Avenue, Hollywood 28, California) has the Francis Davis family Bible in 1957.

30. HOWARD[4] (Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Floyd Davis, son of Francis and Julia Almina Polhemus Davis, was born August 21, 1883 at Lansing, Michigan. When only five and a half his father dies and at eight he lost his mother. Thus orphaned Howard went to live with a married brother, Edward, who lived on West Hillsdale Street in Lansing. Howard attended the Lansing High School through the eleventh grade. He excelled in mathematics.

In 1900 at age seventeen Howard joined the National Guard. He

received his training at Muskegon, Michigan. Upon completion of his National Guard training Howard returned to Lansing and enrolled at the Lansing Business University from which he graduated in 1902.

Howard's first position was with Bement, a concern that made and sold stoves, from 1902-1904.

Howard worked thirty-four years for General Motors. He started with Oldsmobile in 1904 and worked there until 1915. He next worked for the Packard Motor Car Company and had charge of delivering trucks to the army in Texas when the National Guard was called out during the Mexican Uprising. President Wilson sent an expedition under General Pershing to capture Villa dead or alive. The expedition pursued Villa for eleven months from March 1916-February 1917, but failed in its objective. Howard was a Sergeant and had charge of a Convoy with his base at San Antonio, Texas.

After his army service ended Howard was connected with the Maxwell, Dusenburg, Willys, and Durant Motor Car manufacturers. He also went to Patterson, New Jersey for a short period where he was connected with the Auto Car Company. In 1925 Howard went to St. Petersburg, Florida where he operated a garage.

On his return to Lansing, Howard engaged in an advertising stunt for Oldsmobile in 1931-32 which involved a 10,000 mile trip covering six months in a 1904 Curved Dash Oldsmobile named, "Old Scout." His partner in the stunt was Mr. Dwight Huss, the first man to take an auto across the United States.

After this trip Howard worked for Fisher Body as Chief Clerk of the Traffic Division. He took this position in 1935 and remained in it until his retirement in April of 1952.

Howard married, first, Mae Patterson born in 1881 at Lansing, Michigan on June 30, 1903 in the home of Howard's brother, Will, on West Lenawee Street in Lansing. Mae died on November 7, 1930 at Lansing, Michigan. She is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing on lot 197-B.

No children were born of this marriage.

Howard married, second, Sara Irene Bentley born June 29, 1898 at Williamstown Township, Ingham County, Michigan on June 9, 1931 at Lansing, Michigan.

Sara also attended the Lansing High School through the eleventh grade. She then entered the Lansing Business University from which she graduated in 1927. Before her marriage Sara was engaged in the nursing profession.

Howard was and Sara is an active member of the Methodist Church.

Upon retirement Howard realized a lifetime desire, that of owning a farm. He bought farm property within the city limits of Morrice, Michigan just beyond Perry.

Howard was a member of the Morrice Lions Club. He owned the farm only a year and a half before his death on August 5, 1953 in Sparrow Hospital, Lansing. Howard is buried in the Oak Plains Cemetery at Shaftsburg, Michigan about eighteen miles from East Lansing off M-78. Their children are:

41. Jimmy who died at birth on March 25, 1934 is buried on the Francis Davis lot, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

42. Howard Edward born February 10, 1936 at Lansing, Michiigan.

43. Florence Julia born April 25, 1937 at Lansing, Michigan.

Source: State Journal August 6, 1953; Funeral Memoriam; and Sara Davis's personal reminiscences told to Mildred Davis Barr.

31. MAUD[4] (Mary Maria[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Walker, daughter of Mary Maria Davis and George N. Walker, was born September 9, 1862 at Okemos, Michigan. Maud's mother, Mary Maria Davis Walker, died at the age of twenty-seven on April 3, 1867 leaving two daughters, Maud, four and one-half, and Kitty, one and one-half years.

Maud was taken by her paternal grandparents, the Ebenezer Walkers of Okemos while Kitty was raised by her maternal grandparents, William Fuller and Mary Maria Hague Davis of Lansing.

Maud and Kitty were separated while school was in session, but had wonderful times together during the vacation periods. Both had a fine sense of humor and delighted in jokes and pranks.

Maud married, first, George Elmer McArthur, birth date unknown, on May 9, 1882 at Charlotte, Michigan. They were divorced on November 2, 1891. Their children were:

44. Burr Walker born December 24, 1883 at Brookfield, Michigan, died December 26, 1884 at Brookfield and is buried in the Township Cemetery there. Brookfield is about ten miles south of Charlotte.

45. Katherine (Kitty) Clover born November 3, 1885 at Charlotte, Michigan.

Maud married, second, Aury Burton Collins born July 11, 1866 at Charlotte, Michigan on December 1, 1891 at Charlotte.

Burt Collins was the owner of the Collins Drug Store in Charlotte, Michigan. This business was in the Collins family for nearly one

hundred years when it was sold by his son, Robert in June 1952.

Maud and Burt had a very large, beautiful, old-style home on Pleasant Street. At the rear of the yard was a fenced-in garden. Burt took pride in being the first to have home grown tomatoes on his table. The secret of his super garden was that he started with plants that already had small green tomatoes formed when he bought them from a greenhouse.

Burt was: president of Rotary Club from 1931-1932, a Knight of Pythias, a Shriner, a Knight Templar, 32nd Degree Mason, and was especially interested in crippled children.

Maude was: a Pythian Sister, and a member of Maple City Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

Burt and Maud were members of the Episcopal Church, but when this church closed, they and their children attended the Congregational Church.

Burt died November 1, 1939 at Charlotte, Michigan while Maud died September 2, 1946 also at Charlotte. Both are buried in Maple Hill Cemetery at Charlotte. Their children were:

46. Carroll Walker born January 6, 1893 at Charlotte, Michigan.

47. Robert Burton born August 9, 1895 at Charlotte, Michigan.

48. Edith Charlotte born April 1, 1898 at Charlotte, Michigan.

Source: Collins family Bible and Mary Maria Davis Walker's Bible both in the possession of Carroll Walker Collins, 439 6th Street, Traverse City, Michigan in 1957; Information from Edith Collins Sullivan; Personal reminiscences of Mildred Davis Barr.

32. MARY CATHERINE[4] (Mary Maria[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) (Kitty) Blanch Walker, daughter of Mary Maria Davis and George N. Walker, was born September 15, 1865 at Okemos, Michigan. She was baptized August 4, 1867. Her parents were Universalists.

Kitty was one and a half years old when her mother, Mary Maria Davis Walker died at the age of twenty-seven on April 3, 1867. She was buried in Oak Park Cemetery, Lansing. When this cemetery was taken over by the City of Lansing for a park, removals were necessary. Mary Maria was reburied on the lot belonging to her father, William F. Davis, in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing on April 26, 1876. (Mt. Hope Cemetery record)

Kitty was raised by her maternal grandparents, William Fuller and Mary Maria Hague Davis. Kitty was nine when her grandfather Davis died on August 11, 1875. She continued to live with her widowed grandmother who was of French descent until her death on March 26, 1890. By this time Kitty was a young lady of twenty-four.

As a child Kitty had grand times with her sister, Maud, during the vacation periods, but they were separated during school sessions as Maud was raised by her paternal grandparents, the Ebenezer Walkers of Okemos while Kitty's grandparents lived in Lansing.

After graduating from the Lansing High School, Kitty had one year at Buchtel College in Akron, Ohio which is now the Municipal University of Akron. At Buchtel Kitty joined Delta Gamma sorority which interest she maintained throughout life. She was very interested in the sorority's philanthropic work with the blind and in her Will left the sorority a $5,000 bequest to further this work.

After her grandmother's death in 1890 Kitty moved to the home of

her uncle, Benjamin Franklin Davis who had lost his wife, Delia Olivia (Eva) on January 22, 1890 leaving him with two daughters, Bessie around nine years of age and Edith-Eve a few years younger.

Kitty married Joseph Knapp born September 15, 1861 at Hillsdale, Michigan on September 9, 1896 at Lansing, Michigan at her Uncle Ben's home, 528 South Washington Avenue. The wedding was a very private one, but Uncle Ben gave Kitty and Joe a splendid reception when they returned from their honeymoon trip on September 18, 1896.

Kitty was a very active worker for the Edward W. Sparrow Hospital. She was president of the Board of Control of Sparrow Hospital. She also worked on the House Committee, the Training School Committee, and was organizer and president of sewing Division Number Three. She was later made an honorary member of the Board of Control.

Kitty was also active in working for the Women's Home. Her love of flowers and gardens brought her membership in the Lansing Branch of the Woman's Farm and Garden Association.

In her younger days Kitty belonged to a Home Culture Club which was a great deal of fun. She also belonged to the oldest literary group for women in Lansing, namely, the Lansing Woman's Club of which Kitty was a past president and Board member. During the first World War Kitty served as chairman of the Red Cross salvage and sales shop.

Kitty's outstanding virtues were: her ability to get the other person's point of view, her generous hospitality to all people, and her extreme modesty.

Joe was a merchant. He owned the major share of the J.W. Knapp department store in Lansing. He did not have a middle name, so he adopted the "W" from Kitty's maiden name of Walker. He was a handsome

man with curly hair. He had a sense of humor equal to Kitty's as they both loved jokes and pranks.

When Mildred Frances Davis was twelve and in the eighth grade, she expressed her wish to become a doctor to Cousin Joe. A few weeks later a messenger in uniform came to the house with a Special Delivery package for Dr. Mildred Davis. When opened, it contained a small black suitcase inscribed on one side, Dr. Mildred Davis, Lansing, Michigan, U.S.A. and on the other side was a painted red cross. Inside the suitcase were: a saw, a hatchet, and a butcher knife all lettered, "Dr. Mildred Davis," also included were gauze and adhesive tape; and on the cover, taped in place, were botttles labeled: "Chloroform," "Poison," and "Arsenic."

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Joe was: president of the Kiwanis Club, a director of the City National Bank, a director of the Capital Savings and Loan Company for ten years and later its vice-president, president of the Merchants' Bureau, president of the Michigan Retail Dry Goods Association, finance chairman for the Lansing Council of Boy Scouts, and a member of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce.

Joe's hobby was golf which he played most enthusiastically. Kitty and Joe belonged to the Lansing Country Club whose links adjoined the garden of their home at 1435 Cambridge Road. Joe retired in 1928.

Joe died on February 28, 1933 and Kitty died on December 22, 1952 both at Lansing, Michigan and both are buried on the J.W. Knapp lot 50, Section F, in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing. They had one child:

49. Alice Maud born February 24, 1901 probably died on February 10, 1904. She was buried on February 13, 1904 (Mt. Hope Cemetery record) on the J.W. Knapp lot 50, section F., in Mt. Hope

Cemetery, Lansing.

Source: State Journal issues of April 30, 1950 and December 22, 1952; Tribute by Sarah Gilliland Chapin; and personal reminiscences by Edith Collins Sullivan and Mildred Davis Barr.

33. BESSIE[4] (Benjamin[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Davis, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Delia Olivia Sparrow Davis, was born at Lansing, Michigan. She graduated from the Liggett School for Girls in Detroit, Michigan. She married James Monroe Reasoner born in 1878 at Lansing, Michigan.

James was a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Michigan Law School. As a Court Reporter, he was considered one of the best. He reported for the State Supreme Court. Later he had a private law practice.

James probably died on November 22, 1922. He was buried on November 25, 1922 (Mt. Hope Cemetery record) on the J.W. Knapp lot 50, section F., in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

Bessie's activities through the years include: president of P.T.A., participation in the Girl Reserve program, a director of the Michigan Children's Aid Society, and a member of the Lansing's Woman's Club.

Bessie and James had one child:

50. James Davis born August 20, 1916 at Lansing, Michigan.

Source: Eugenie Reasoner; Michigan Centennial History Vol. III, pp. 495 and 497.

34. EDITH-EVE[4] (Benjamin[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Davis,

daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Delia Olivia Sparrow Davis, was born at Lansing, Michigan. Edity-Eve graduated from the Liggett School for Girls in Detroit, Michigan.

Edith-Eve married Thaddeus L. Hoffman (known as Thad) a miller by profession, of Enterprise, Kansas on April 25, 1908 at Lansing, Michigan. She had a most elaborate wedding in the same home in which she still resides in 1957, namely, 528 South Washington Avenue. They had one son:

51. Benjamin Franklin II born April 1, 1909 at Enterprise, Kansas.

Edith-Eve and Thad Hoffman separated in 1911. Edith-Eve was given legal right to her maiden name and her son, Benny, also took the Davis name. Edith-Eve with Benny, then two months old, returned to her father's home to live. Thad died in 1933. Since the death of her father, to whom she was intensely devoted and to her dearly beloved son, Benny, Edith-Eve has made it her main purpose in life to perpetuate their memories in various ways.

Since 1946 Edith-Eve has presented a gavel and block to each retiring president of the Michigan Bankers Association in her father's memory. Benjamin F. Davis was president of this body in 1912.

Another annual event is the dedication of a bouquet at the annual luncheon of the Woman's Board of Managers of Edward W. Sparrow Hospital in memory of her son, Benny. The bouquet is later taken to the pediatrics department. Edward W. Sparrow, for whom the hospital is named, was an uncle of Edith-Eve as her mother, Delia Olivia Sparrow Davis, was a sister of Edward W. Sparrow.

Edith-Eve's club activities include membership in the Lansing

Branch of the Woman's Farm and Garden Association.

Source: Mildred Davis Barr's scrapbook; Michigan Centennial History Vol. III, pp. 495 and 497.

35. RUTH[5] (Frederick[4], Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Viola Davis, daughter of Frederick Calvin and Viola vanSchaick Davis, was born in 1893 at Lincoln, California. The family moved to San Francisco in 1902 where they lived until their deaths.

Ruth graduated from the Girls' High School in San Francisco. She then had her choice of attending the University of California at Berkeley, or of getting an education in Music. Ruth chose the latter and studied with many outstanding teachers of piano. Ruth was indeed a very fine pianist. She taught piano for many years and gave annual recitals that were highly praised.

Ruth had several music affiliations and was a member of the First Baptist Church of San Francisco.

Ruth died on April 6, 1940 and is buried on lot 209-E in Cypress Lawn Cemetery, San Francisco.

Source: Reminiscences by Frederick Calvin Davis.

37. MILDRED[5] (Charles[4], Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Frances Davis, daughter of Charles Hague and (Letta) Belle Slocum, was born on September 20, 1906 at 307 West St. Joseph Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Mildred's mother, Belle, had a long illness with tuberculosis, so the home was never without the services of a housekeeper.

Mildred was eager to go to school and so was sent at an unusually

early age. She went to kindergarten at the Kalamazoo Street School as a visitor at the age of three and as an enrolled member at four. Mildred entered first grade at Townsend Street School two and a half weeks before her fifth birthday.

Mildred's mother, Belle Slocum Davis died on January 20, 1912 at the age of thirty-six. She was buried on the Francis Davis lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

Previous to her mother's death Mildred lived some months with her uncle and aunt, the Howard Davises, and also spent some time with her uncle and aunt, the Edward Winters Davises. One summer was spent with her mother's brother and his wife, the Howard Slocums, while the summer of her fifth year was spent with her mother's sister and her family, the Harvey Feazels of St. Johns, Michigan. Many week-ends were spent with the J.W. Knapps, cousins.

It was on one of these week-ends with the Knapps in 1912 that Mildred was awakened at 4:00 a.m. by the screaming of fire sirens. Word came that the Downey Hotel was on fire. Cousins Kit, Joe, and Mildred dressed quickly and walked the short distance to the fire since the Knapps then lived in the 100 block of West Hillsdale Street.

The flames shot into the air at great height, an unforgetable spectacle. The three watched with hundreds of other onlookers until the Hotel was just a shell of smouldering debris.

Later the Hotel was rebuilt both inside and out as only standing walls remained after the fire. The Hotel continued in use until 1936 when it was torn down to make way for the present J.W. Knapp Company.

Because gypsies no longer visit the Lansing area, the following incident may be of interest. During Mildred's childhood, the Romany

folk in their brightly colored costumes with their showy and ornate wagons came each year to Lansing. Their livelihood came partly from horse trading.

When Mildred was four, she spent most of the summer visiting her uncle, aunt, and cousin, the Howard Slocum family who were living on the original James M. Slocum farm out West St. Joseph Street. Their daughter, Martha, was nine at the time of this incident.

It was a lovely summer day and Martha and Mildred decided to go horseback riding. Their mount was a beautiful young chestnut horse. Riding due north from the farm they came upon an encampment of gypsies. They were near a wooded area on the Espanore farm which was then open country. Today it is Westmoreland subdivision, but part of the woods remain across the street from the rear of the Fisher Body plant.

The girls, startled at first, lost their fear when the gypsies proved to be friendly. The gypsy men were very interested in the chestnut horse. After a long stay Martha was persuaded to trade her father's chestnut for a much superior white horse which the girls rode back to the farm. Martha's father was very upset over the trade. The superior white horse was really a very ancient nag. Martha's father started back with the white horse and was fortunate in that the gypsies had not yet broken camp and departed. He was successful in getting the gypsies to give him back his own horse.

On September 2, 1912 Mildred's father married Maude Ella Risdale of Lansing. The family lived for two years at 507 E. Michigan Avenue. This house was torn down when the Stephen T. Mason building was erected.

The family moved to their country home on Delta River Drive for the year 1914. Mildred was eight and took her fourth grade work at Horsebrook School, Lansing Township.

The fall of 1915 found the family residing at 220 South Chestnut Street in Lansing. The Civic Auditorium now stands on the site. Mildred returned to Townsend Street School for the remaining grades completing the eighth grade in a half year and so was in the first class to have a midyear graduation both from grade and high school.

Mildred was a member of the first Girl Scout Troop organized in Lansing in 1918. The Troop was sponsored by Plymouth Congregational Church and meetings were held at the church. The leaders were Roberta Woodworth, now Mrs. Clarence J. Skinner and Doris Porter, now Mrs. J. Armand Person.

Mildred was on the high school honor roll. Out of a graduating class of 117, Mildred was seventh in scholarship. High School activities included membership in: Frasoris Literary Society, Cast of Junior Play, Zodiac Staff, et cetera.

Since her graduation came in January 1923, Mildred and her mother enjoyed a three months trip to California while her father was in Europe.

Mildred entered Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois in the fall of 1923 and was still sixteen when she enrolled. She graduated in 1927 with a major in English and minors in Political Science and Education.

While at Northwestern, Mildred was a member of: Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Eta Sigma Phi (Greek honorary) Mu Alpha (Journalism) and Laurean Literary Society. Mildred received an athletic letter and

pin, mainly for points earned in hockey and soccer. Mildred was one of the organizers of the All Student Congress. She was also an award winner in the Student Directory Drive. Mildred was an officer in her sorority and literary society.

During the summer of 1925 Mildred attended the University of Michigan in order to obtain credits to change her major from Journalism to English.

Following graduation from Northwestern Mildred returned to the University of Michigan in 1927-1928 to obtain a degree in Library Science.

The next year, 1928-1929, Mildred was assistant librarian of the High School Library in Pontiac, Michigan.

Mildred returned to Lansing the fall of 1929 joining the staff of the Public Library where she was Librarian of Eastern High School Library for the next four years.

During these four years she spent her leisure time in being: founder of the Lansing-East Lansing Alumnae Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha in 1929-1930 and its president from 1929-1931; co-founder of the Lansing-East Lansing Alumnae Panhellenic in January 1930, now called City Panhellenic of Greater Lansing and its vice-president from 1930-1931; founder-organizer of Beta Phi chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at Michigan State University, then M.S.C., which was installed on October 15, 1931; and founder of the Alumnae Advisors' Auxiliary in 1940-1941, now known as Panhellenic Advisors and was its president in 1942-1943.

On July 6, 1933 Mildred married Charles Wesley Barr born October 19, 1906 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Charles graduated on

the honor roll from Dormont High School, Dormont, Pennsylvania. Before entering college he worked for a year with a Landscape Architect in Pittsburgh. In fact Charles earned all of his way through college.

Charles entered the University of Massachusetts, then Massachusetts State College, at Amherst, Massachusetts the fall of 1925. At the begginning of his freshman year he joined Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He graduated in 1929 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture.

Charles was with the Long Island State Park Commission for six months before coming to Michigan State University, then M.S.C., as Instructor in Landscape Architecture on January 1, 1930. He was promoted to Assistant Professor on July 1, 1936 and in 1940 Charles received a Master's degree in Recreational Forestry from Michigan State University, then M.S.C.

Beginning with January 1942 Charles taught Combat Camouflage to the R.O.T.C. at Michigan State and soon added the Air Force to his very heavy teaching schedule. He also taught mathematics to the Pre-Flight students in the Air Corps.

In 1943 Charles went to Fort Meade as a civilian observer and was attached to the Commanding Officer, Colonel Sollohub. His purpose in going to Fort Meade was to study what the Army was doing to teach Camouflage.

The many wonderful letters that he received from his former students testify as to his success in teaching this difficult subject.

From February 1, 1948 to February 1, 1949 the family resided in Belmont, Massachusetts where Charles attended Harvard where he had been for summer school in 1931 and the Massachusetts Institute of

Technology. From the latter Charles received a Master's degree in City Planning in 1949.

Charles became an Associate Professor on February 1, 1949 and a full Professor on July 1, 1951 at Michigan State University, then M.S.C.

Charles taught Planning courses at Michigan State as early as 1939. In 1946 a full four year undergraduate program was inaugurated with Charles as Chairman of Urban Planning Studies. The name of the department was changed from that of Landscape Architecture to that of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning.

Charles is employed by Michigan State University on a ten-month basis and is a Planning Consultant during the summer months.

Charles is a member of: The American Institute of Planners, the Michigan chapter of the A.I.P., The Michigan Society of Planning Officials of which he is a director and treasurer in 1957, and the Michigan State University Men's Club.

Charles has written a book entitled, "Planning the Countryside," the legal basis for county and township planning in Michigan, published October 11, 1950. Charles is also the author of University Bulletins and numerous magazine articles. As a Planning Consultant, Charles has made Master Plan studies for many cities and townships in many different states and has written zoning ordinances by the dozens.

Both Mildred and Charles are active members of Plymouth Congregational Church. Charles was superintendent of the junior high department for several years and later taught a class for senior high school boys. Mildred teaches a fifth grade class of girls in 1957. She belongs to Mayflower Circle.

After marriage Mildred's activities included: president of City Panhellenic from 1941-1942, president of Central School P.T.A. from 1943-1944, a member of: East Lansing Woman's Club from 1934-1947. University of Michigan Alumnae, American Association of University Women, the Lansing Branch of the Woman's Farm and Garden Association, the Advisory Board and House Corporation Board of Beta Phi chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, DeMolay Mothers' Club, and Girl Scouts for seven years part of which were spent as Troop Leader.

Mildred's present activities include: Sparrow Hospital Auxiliary, East Lansing Junior Child Study Club, president from 1938-1939, Zeta Tau Alpha Alumnae, president several times, vice-president of the Zeta Tau Alpha's Mothers' Club from 1956-1957, Daughters of the American Revolution, Faculty Folk Club, College Women's Volunteer Service, and Brides Club.

Mildred's philanthropic interest is the Indian American and she does all she can to improve conditions for them.

Mildred and Charles have two children:

52. Charles Wesley II born March 25, 1934 at Lansing, Michigan.

53. Marilyn Davis born March 30, 1937 at Lansing, Michigan.

Source: Mildred Davis Barr.

38. MARGARET[5] (Charles[4], Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Charlene Davis, daughter of Charles Hague and (Letta) Belle Slocum Davis, was born October 19, 1909 at 307 West St. Joseph Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Margaret caught Whooping Cough and died of this disease on May 1,

1911 at the age of eighteen months. She is buried on the Francis Davis lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

Source: Mildred Davis Barr.

39. FRANCIS[5] (Mary[4], Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1])

(Pete) Davis Lyon, son of Mary Eva Cordelia Davis and Herbert Leander Lyon, was born July 29, 1905 at Bowbells, North Dakota.

In 1916 the family moved to Glenwood, Iowa where Francis joined the the Baptist Church. In 1922 the family moved again, this time to Hollywood, California.

Francis graduated from Hollywood High School in 1923. Francis also graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles where he joined Phi Delta Theta fraternity which interest he still maintains as province president for Arizona, Nevada, and California and is actively connected with Gamma chapter at U.C.L.A. in 1957.

Francis started his career in the movie industry about 1932 as film editor of Paramount. He then went with Mack Sennett.

Francis married Anna Blair Coursen born April 6, 1909 on March 30, 1935 in St. Paul's Cathedral, to which Ann belongs, at Los Angeles, California. They went to Palm Springs for their honeymoon.

Ann attended Marborough, a private school, in Los Angeles, Mills College in Oakland, California, and graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles where she joined Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Ann belongs to the Los Angeles Junior League and does a great deal of volunteer service among the Veterans.

In 1935 Francis won an assignment with Alexander Korda in England where he and Ann remained until 1939. They then toured Europe for

six months before returning to the United States. Francis' next connection was with David O. Selznick and Twentieth-Century Fox.

During World War II Francis was in the film division of the office of War handling the production of training films where he attained the rank of Major.

Francis won an Oscar for his editing of "Body and Soul" in 1948.

Some of the films that Francis has edited are: for United Artists, "He Ran All the Way" featuring John Garfield, and "The First Legion" with Charles Boyer; for Alexander Korda in England, "Shape of Things to Come," "Knight Without Armor," and "Rembrandt," for David O. Selznick, "Intermezzo;" for Twentieth-Century Fox, "The Great Profile," and "Four Sons;" for Allied Artists, "The Bob Mathias Story;" and for Universal-International, "The Cult of the Cobra."

Francis has found free lancing more profitable than being under contract to one company and so has directed and edited movies and TV pictures for many companies. In 1956 the picture, "The Great Locomotive Chase" which he directed for Walt Disney, was released.

In 1957 Francis founded his own company named, "Leo Productions, Inc." Since Leo is a common name for lion, (Lyon) the reason for the selection of Leo is easily guessed.

At the present time, January 1957, Francis is on location in Arizona making a Western starring Joel McCrea.

Francis was instrumental in organizing the American Cinema Editors and was its first president.

Francis and Ann reside in Hollywood where they are planning to build a home with an outdoor swimming pool on the mountainside with a beautiful view of the city.

Francis and Ann have no children to-date, January 1957.

Source: U.C.L.A. Alumni Magazine April 1951 issue; Hollywood Reporter April 1, 1955; and father, Herbert L. Lyon.

40. SUMNER[5] (Mary[4], Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1])

Jamieson Lyon, son of Mary Eva Cordelia Davis and Herbert Leander Lyon, was born June 18, 1909 at Bowbells, North Dakota. When Sumner was seven, in 1916, the family moved to Glenwood, Iowa. In 1922 the California climate could no longer be resisted and the family chose Hollywood for a permanent home.

Sumner graduated from Hollywood High School. He attended the University of California at Los Angeles for three years and graduated from Stanford University at Palo Alto in 1932 where he joined Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Sumner also took a year of graduate work at the University of Michigan and had one year in a secretarial school.

Sumner was with Warner Brothers for eight years in the Casting Office and Production Department. He entered government service and was stationed at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio as a writer. He next worked in the office of Strategic Services, Washington, D.C. From that position he affiliated with RKO-Pathe in New York City. The following five years were spent with the Princeton Film Center in Princeton, New Jersey as writer-director. Sumner is now, January 1957, head of Motion Picture and TV Department for Morse International, Inc., a big advertising agency in New York City.

In World War II Captain Sumner Lyon made training films for the government.

Sumner has also made many films for South American countries, especially, Brazil.

Sumner married Mary Louise Belcher born October 26, 1920 in an elaborate ceremony in the First Presbyterian Church at Topeka, Kansas on December 30, 1950. Mary Louise attended William Woods College and is a graduate of Kansas University where she affiliated with Gamma Phi Beta sorority, Pi Lambda Theta, and Tau Sigma.

Mary Louise taught two years in Topeka before she went to New York City to study voice. Before her marriage she was employed by RKO-Pathe, New York.

Sumner and Mary Louise have two children to-date:

54 Susan Jane born August 8, 1952 at Princeton, New Jersey.

55. Todd Jamieson born October 11, 1954 at Princeton, New Jersey.

Source: Herbert L. Lyon.

42. HOWARD EDWARD[5] (Howard Floyd[4], Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Davis, son of Howard Floyd and Sara Irene Bentley Davis, was was born February 10, 1936 at Lansing, Michigan.

Howard Edward attended Larch Street School, Pattengill Junior High, and Eastern High School before the family moved to Morrice, Michigan.

It had been a cherished dream of Howard Edward and his father to own and operate a farm, so the purchase, in 1952, of about 80 acres within the city limits of Morrice fulfilled this desire. However, his father did not have the opportunity to enjoy his retirement for long as he died on August 5, 1953.

Howard Edward completed high school in Morrice where he was on the Football team. He also won a number of Band awards. He played both the clarinet and saxaphone.

Howard Edward is a member of the Morrice Methodist Church where he has been most active in their Youth Fellowship.

Howard Edward graduated from the Morrice High School in 1954. Since he excels in Mathematics, he is at present, January 1957, attending the Lansing Business University where he is studying Accounting.

Howard Edward is the most important member of the Davis family for the continuance of the Davis lineage depends solely on him. Howard Edward is the only living male child bearing the name, "Davis."

Source: Sara Bentley Davis.

43. FLORENCE[5] (Howard[4], Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1])

Julia Davis, daughter of Howard Floyd and Sara Irene Bentley Davis was born April 25, 1937 at Lansing, Michigan.

Florence attended Larch Street School and Pattengill Junior High School before the family moved to Morrice, Michigan where her parents had purchased an eighty acre farm within the city limits.

On August 5, 1953 when Florence was sixteen her father, Howard Floyd Davis died. Florence with her mother, Sara Irene Bentley Davis, and her brother, Howard Edward, continue to live on the farm. Since the property is within the city limits of Morrice, it is well located for subdividing which is now under consideration in 1957.

Florence graduated from Morrice High School in June 1955 with high scholastic honors being fifth in her class. She played clarinet

in the Morrice High School Band and won several awards.

At present, January 1957, Florence is attending the Lansing Business University where she expects to complete a Secretarial course.

Florence is a member of the Morrice Methodist Church and is very active in their Youth Fellowship program.

Source: Sara Bentley Davis.

45. KATHERINE[5] (Maud[4], Mary Maria[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) (Kitty) Clover McArthur, daughter of Maud Walker and George Elmer McArthur, was born November November 3, 1885 and baptized November 1, 1890 at Charlotte, Michigan.

Katherine graduated from the Charlotte High School and then attended Michigan Agricultural College, now Michigan State University. Katherine joined Themian, then a local sorority, now a national one, namely, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Katherine went from Michigan State to the University of Michigan where she took Nurses Training graduating in 1910. Katherine then went to Montana where she practiced her profession. She stayed in Montana for about two years.

Katherine married Joseph Arthur Noyes born July 26, 1886 on December 28, 1912 at Butte, Montana.

Joseph graduated from the University of Pennsylvania though he originally came from Des Moines, Iowa. Both his mother and sister belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution. Joseph is now retired. His work was so secret that what he did is not known other than the fact that he did classified work in connection with an atomic energy project in California. Their home is in Van Nuys, California.

They have one child:

56. Elizabeth (Betty) Jane born August 5, 1920 at Los Angeles, California.

Source: Letters from Katherine Noyes to Mildred Davis Barr.

46. CARROLL[5] (Maud[4], Mary Maria[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Walker Collins, son of Maud Walker and Aury Burton Collins, was born January 6, 1893 in Charlotte, Michigan. He graduated from Charlotte High School and from the University of Michigan where he was president of his fraternity, Acacia. Carroll took business courses at the University which fitted him for the banking career that he chose to follow.

Carroll's first position was with the National City Bank of New York. Later he was sent to the Foreign Branch of this bank in Cuba. Carroll was located in both Mantanzas and Havana.

Carroll returned to Charlotte for a brief sojourn then he accepted a position in Wyandotte, Michigan. From Wyandotte he went to Traverse City as vice-president of the First Peoples State Bank. A few years ago he was elevated to the position of president.

Carroll is: a Shriner, a life member of the Masons, a member of the Traverse City Country Club, and the Rotary Club. Carroll also holds a certificate in banking.

Carroll married Martha Cecelia Shepard born April 24, 1900 at New Kensington, Pennsylvania on September 26, 1922 in the William Penn Hotel at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Martha attended Mt. Ida School for Girls, now Mt. Ida Junior College, at Newton Center, Massachusetts and graduated from the

University of Michigan where she was a charter member of Alpha Gamma chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha. Martha was also president of her sorority. She was vice-president of the senior class, president of Athena Literary Society, and a member of Sigma Delta Phi, Speech honorary.

Martha is an honorary member of both the Child Study and Woman's Club of Wyandotte, Michigan. Martha has been a state officer of the Michigan Child Study Association.

Martha's Traverse City activities include: president of P.T.A, president of Trillium Garden Club, president of Woman's Club; president of Symphony, and, in 1957, is Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Both Carroll and Martha have traveled extensively to interesting places off the usual tourist route. Their children are:

57. Carroll Walker, Jr. (Johnny) born October 26, 1923 at Detroit, Michigan.

58. Robert Shepard born July 3, 1926 at Detroit, Michigan.

59. Margaret Maud born April 1, 1930 at Wyandotte, Michigan.

Source: Carroll and Martha Collins.

47. ROBERT^{5} (Maud^{4}, Mary Maria^{3}, William Fuller^{2}, William^{1}) Burton Collins, son of Maud Walker and Aury Burton Collins, was born August 9, 1895 at Charlotte, Michigan. He graduated from the Charlotte High School and attended the University of Michigan for two years. He then entered Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, Michigan where he completed the Pharmacy course. Robert is a Registered Pharmacist and, until the past few years, operated the Collins Drug

Store in Charlotte, Michigan. This Drug Store had been operated by a member of the Collins family for nearly a hundred years when Robert sold it in June 1952.

During World Ward I Robert was a Medical Dispenser with the rank of Corporal in the Medical Corps and was stationed at Des Moines, Iowa. Later Robert was promoted to Sergeant and was stationed at the Arsenal at Rock Island, Illinois.

Robert has been prominent in Republican circles on the county level and is a member of the Charlotte Rotary Club. He is also a 32nd Degree Mason, Knight-Templar, and American Legion member.

Robert married, first, Dorothy Traveler, birth date unknown, about 1928 at Riverside, California. They were divorced prior to 1931. No children were born of this marriage.

Robert married, second, Natoma Pyle, birth date unknown about 1931 at San Bernadino, California. They were divorced prior to 1936. No children were born of this marriage.

Robert married, third, Marion Greene, birth date unknown, about 1936 at Charlotte, Michigan. They were divorced prior to 1950. Marian retained custody of their one child:

60. Judith Kay born June 24, 1937 at Los Angeles, California.

Robert married, fourth, Marie Stiles, birth date unknown, from Kalamazoo, Michigan on September 2, 1950 at Charlotte, Michigan. There were no children born of this marriage.

Source: Robert Collins; Katherine Noyes; and Edith Sullivan.

48. EDITH[5] (Maud[4], Mary Maria[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Charlotte Collins, daughter of Maud Walker and Aury Burton Collins,

was born April 1, 1898 at Charlotte, Michigan. Edith graduated from the Charlotte High School and later attended the Lansing Business University.

Edith married, first, Walter W. Wilson born September 30, 1897 at Springport, Michigan on July 30, 1919 at Charlotte, Michigan. They were divorced May 1928 at Charlotte. Walter died in 1944. Edith and Walter had one child:

61. Martha Jean born June 11, 1920 at Lansing, Michigan.

Edith married, second, Howard Mate, birth date unknown, on November ---- 1930 at Lansing, Michigan. They were divorced in 1932. There were no children born of this marriage.

Edith married, third, Harold Eugene Sullivan, born June 22, 1904 on April 15, 1944 at Lansing, Michigan. There were no children born of this marriage.

Harold is a member of Lansing Lodge No. 196, B.P.O. Elks. He attends Holy Cross Church. Harold is employed by the Michigan State Highway Commission as right-of-way buyer.

Edith is a member of Angelus League of St. Lawrence Hospital and the Vivians.

Source: Edith Collins Sullivan.

50. JAMES[5] (Bessie[4], Benjamin[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) (Jim) Davis Reasoner, son of Bessie Davis Reasoner and James Monroe Reasoner was born August 20, 1916 at Lansing, Michigan. James attended Michigan State University, then M.S.C., for two years. He then studied at the Lansing Business University. He first worked for an accounting firm and then for the Lansing Company. He worked for

the latter in several capacities until he became its president. At this writing, January 1957, James hold the title of President-Secretary of the Lansing Company.

James's activities include membership in the Lansing Country Club and Knights of the Round Table.

James married Eugenie (Jane) Valentine Shubel born February 14, 1918 on July 25, 1936 at Lansing, Michigan. Jane is very prominent, socially, being a member of the Junior League. Jane's hobby is portrait painting photography at which she excels to a superior degree. James and Jane have four girls which have been confirmed in St. Paul's Episcopal Church where they attend regularly. They are:

62. Eugenie Brook born February 13, 1939 at Lansing, Michigan was called, "Twink" as a baby. She now goes by the name of E. Brook Reasoner.

63. Patricia Davis born September 10, 1941 at Lansing, Michigan.

64. Kathleen (Kit) Elizabeth born September 15, 1942 at Lansing, Michigan.

65. Betsey Davis born August 17, 1945 at Lansing, Michigan.

Source: Eugenie Reasoner.

51. BENJAMIN[5] (Edith-Eve[4], Benjamin[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) (Benny) Franklin Davis II, son of Edith-Eve Davis and Thaddeus Hoffman, was born Benjamin Franklin Hoffman on April 1, 1909 at Enterprise, Kansas. As stated in his mother's sketch, Edith-Eve and Thad Hoffman separated in 1911. Edith-Eve was given legal right to her maiden name and her son, Benny, became Benjamin Franklin

Davis II.

Benny, at the age of nine, had not yet learned how to swim. One day while in a swimming pool he saved his own life by bobbing from deep to shallow water and safety. This technique of "Bobbing" is now taught in "Y" pools.

To enable other boys to learn how to swim, Benny's mother, Edith-Eve gave the swimming pool and pool safety equipment to the new (1951) Y.M.C.A. building as a memorial to Benny. It is named, "The Benny F. Davis Pool."

A gift of money to the Guild Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church was given in Benny's name. Benny was baptized a Congregationalist. He later attended the Christian Science Sunday School and then attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

A Plaque by Tiffany was placed in Edward W. Sparrow Hospital also as a memorial to Benny.

Benny died January 2, 1920 at Lansing, Michigan. He is buried on the Benjamin F. Davis lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

Source: Michigan Centennial History, Vol. III, pp. 499-501.

52. CHARLES WESLEY[6] (Mildred[5], Charles Hague[4], Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Barr II, son of Mildred Frances Davis and Charles Wesley Barr, was born March 25, 1934 at Lansing, Michigan. He attended Central School in East Lansing where he was voted the best safety patrol boy in school and was named Squad Leader. Charles was also a Cub Scout. In East Lansing Junior High School Charles sang in the Glee Club.

In 1948 the family resided in Belmont, Massachusetts where his

father obtained an advanced degree in City Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Charles attended Belmont Junior High School. During this year he continued with scouting and was librarian of the Payson Park Troop. In school he belonged to the Historical Research Club. That summer Charles went to a Y.M.C.A. Camp on beautiful Lake Winnipesaukee in New Hampshire.

The family attended Payson Park Church (Congregational) where Charles took collection and lighted candles in the Sunday School.

The family went sight-seeing on every occasion possible and Charles was old enough to benefit from it.

Charles entered East Lansing High School on February 1, 1949. He became interested in the East Lansing Chapter Order of DeMolay. He started as the lowest officer and rose to be the highest, that of Master Councilor.

During his junior year in high school (1951) Charles became interested in ushering for Lansing Civic Players Guild. By his senior year he was Head Usher and gave instruction and training to 140 boys and girls from junior high to college level. He continued in this position until the fall of 1956.

When Charles was seventeen, the summer of 1951, he began working for the Parks and Recreation Division of the Michigan Department of Conservation as a Park Ranger at the Interlochen State Park. This position required him to take and pass a Civil Service examination which he did successfully.

Charles enjoyed his work as a Park Officer immensely and continued to work in this capacity the succeeding summers of 1952, 1953, and

1954. It was necessary for Charles to secure a military leave from this position in order to go to army camp at Fort Campbell, Kentucky in 1955.

During his senior year in high school Charles was in the operetta, "Down in the Valley." Charles was chairman of the ushers for both the Junior and Senior plays.

During high school years Charles belonged to Pan American Club and to Square Dance Club. The latter held bohemians in the homes of its members and then went over to the Girls' Gym at M.S.U., then M.S.C., to the College Hoe-downs. Charles graduated in 1952. His class had the traditional senior trip by boat to Mackinac Island.

While in high school, Charles joined the Anthony Wayne chapter of Children of the American Revolution.

On December 4, 1951 Charles was Narrator for the American Music Program, "Music Through the Years" for Anthony Wayne.

Charles was chosen delegate to the National C.A.R. Convention held in Washington, D.C. on April 17-19, 1952. At the convention Charles had the honor of being Color Bearer. This was Charles' first plane trip.

On February 25, 1954 Anthony Wayne put on a musical, "Stephen Foster, Melody Maker" with Charles playing the part of Stephen Foster.

Charles entered M.S.U. the fall of 1952. He took the required two year R.O.T.C. basic training courses. He elected to take two additional years of advanced R.O.T.C. and went to army camp in 1955, the summer of his junior year, at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He received a sharpshooter medal for firing the M-1 rifle. Charles became Cadet Captain and Company Commander of Company B-1 in his senior year.

Charles belonged to: Officers Club, Trowel Club, Off-Campus Students Association, and Speech Majors Club.

At Michigan State University Charles continued his interest in DeMolay. At the beginning of his freshman year he pledged Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. After one term in the fraternity he found he did not have enough time to be active in both DeMolay and Lambda Chi Alpha and still earn acceptable grades, so he chose to continue his DeMolay work.

Charles was awarded the highest international honor that of the degree of Chevalier for outstanding service to the Order. He has been a District Deputy since 1955 in charge of Livingston County and the Lansing and East Lansing chapters. He has also served on the East Lansing DeMolay advisory council as ritual advisor and, in January 1957, became vice-chairman of that body.

In addition Charles is a member of East Lansing Lodge #480, F. & A.M. and Lansing Capital Chapter #9, R.A.M. He has been elected to receive the Orders in Lansing Commandery #25, Order of Knights-Templar before he leaves for army service at Fort Benning, Georgia on June 1, 1957. Charles will be in the Infantry.

Charles graduated from Michigan State University on December 4, 1956 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant on December 11, 1956. He majored in the department of Speech, Radio, and Television. While he was in school, Journalism was added and the department changed to the College of Communication Arts. A new person was brought in from another university to be head of this new college who changed the curriculum and the requirements for graduation. As the program Charles had selected was no longer in existence, he took an extra term's work to meet the new course requirements graduating with extra

credits.

On January 2, 1957 Charles became Document Room Messenger for the Michigan House of Representatives for the duration of the session.

Charles is a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and Sons of the American Revolution.

Source: Mildred Davis Barr.

53. MARILYN[6] (Mildred[5], Charles Hague[4], Francis[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Davis Barr, daughter of Mildred Frances Davis and Charles Wesley Barr, was born March 30, 1937 at Lansing, Michigan. Marilyn was brought home from Sparrow Hospital to 1124 Sabron Road, East Lansing where the family still resides in 1957 except for the year 1948 which was spent in Belmont, Massachusetts while her father studied for his advanced degree in City Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Marilyn became a member of a Brownie Troop while in the second grade at Central School, East Lansing. She continued her interest in Girl Scouts for eight years. While at Central School she won a service badge for Safety Patrol.

Marilyn enjoyed the East Lansing School camping program at Kellogg's Clear Lake Camp at Dowling, Michigan for the sixth through ninth grades.

In 1948 Marilyn attended, "Four Winds," a Girl Scout Camp on Long Pond near Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Marilyn graduated from East Lansing High School in June 1955 where she had an excellent scholastic average being in the upper fourth of her class.

Marilyn played cornet for four years in the East Lansing High School Band and also played the same instrument in the Orchestra for four years. While a member of the Band and Orchestra, she accumulated fourteen awards: Eight first-place blue ribbon-medal awards in district competition, two first-place blue ribbon-medal awards in state competition, and four second-place red ribbon-medal awards in state competition. Two additional awards were won, but the director did not send for these as he thought Marilyn had too many medals on her uniform already.

In the spring of her junior year in high school Marilyn started to take piano lessons from Miss Louise Freyhofer which she continued for one year. At the annual spring Freyhofer recital in 1955, Marilyn, with her one year of piano, played a two piano number with a friend who had had thirteen years of piano instruction. They played, "Ave Maria." People found it hard to believe that Marilyn had only one year of piano instruction.

In high school Marilyn was very active on class committees and projects. Her clubs were: Band and Orchestra, Art, and Pan American. Marilyn belonged to the Girls Athletic Association where she won a varsity letter and certificate for earning 600 points. Marilyn also won a huge script "E," a lyre, and a gold pin for Band honors. Marilyn is a Rainbow Girl and has held many offices in that order besides earning nine merit badges.

While in high school, Marilyn took the Driver Training Course in which she excelled. She received a small gold medal with the words, "Safe Driving Honor."

Marilyn has spent her summers at Interlochen, Michigan where the

family has a large summer home on Lake Wahbekaness (Duck). This is also the site of the famed National Music Camp. Marilyn took private cornet lessons at the Camp the summer of 1954. The summers of 1955 and 1956 Marilyn lived at the Camp as a member of the Food Service staff.

Marilyn entered Michigan Sate University the fall of 1955. During her freshman year she lived in East Yakeley dormitory. It is of interest to note that this dormitory was named after Elida Yakeley who was secretary to Marilyn's great uncle, Frederick Calvin Davis, before she became Registrar of Michigan Agricultural College, now M.S.U.

As a freshman, Marilyn was active on campus. She was a member of the Yakeley Glee Club; worked on the Campus Chest; belonged to the Christian Student Foundation and the Y.W.C.A.; and was in the choir for the sorority sing.

The Archery classes, with those of the other Big Ten universities engaged in a telegraphic meet in the spring of 1956. M.S.U. won the meet and Marilyn had top score for her class. She received a certificate to commemorate the event. Marilyn also excels in swimming.

In January 1956 Marilyn pledged Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and in May 1956 was initiated. Also in January 1956 she joined Red Cedar Chapter No. 434 Order of the Eastern Star.

Marilyn had the pleasant experience of attending the 1956 Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, California. The trip was made by auto and covered 6,641 miles.

Beginning with her sophmore year, the fall of 1956, Marilyn moved into the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority house at 639 M.A.C. Avenue, East Lansing. Marilyn was elected historian for the sorority for the year 1957-1958. She chose Zoology as a major as she has an

unusual love of animals of all kinds.

Source: Mildred Davis Barr.

56. ELIZABETH[6] (Katherine[5], Maud[4], Mary Maria[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) (Betty) Jane Noyes, daughter of Katherine Clover McArthur and Joseph Arthur Noyes, was born August 5, 1920 at Los Angeles, California. She married Rowen D. Zipfels born August 15, 1916 at Bakersfield, California on October 4, 1942. Rowen is a Master Plumber. They have one child:

66. Pamelo Jo born September 26, 1946.

Source: Katherine Noyes.

57. CARROLL[6] (Carroll[5], Maud[4], Mary Maria[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) (Johnny) Walker Collins, Jr., son of Carroll Walker and Martha Shepard Collins was born October 26, 1923 at Detroit, Michigan. Carroll served in World War II. He was injured in service to the extent of partial disability. He had a year at the University of Alabama where he joined a fraternity.

Carroll married, first, Laura Evelyn, birth date unknown, on May 17, 1948 at Charlotte Amelia, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. The Evelyn family is very prominent, a member being Governor of the Island. They had one child:

67. Patricia Margaret born July 3, 1949 at Charlotte Amelia, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Carroll and Laura were divorced in 1950. Laura kept Patricia Margaret.

Carroll married, second, Dorothy Beauchamp, birth date unknown,

at Munising, Michigan on June-----1951 at Toledo, Ohio. Their children are:

68. Janet Valerie born August 17, 1952 at Detroit, Michigan.

69. Lettia Maud born April 19, 1954 at Detroit, Michigan.

Source: Martha Shepard Collins.

58. ROBERT[6] (Carroll[5], Maud[4], Mary Maria[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Shepard Collins, son of Carroll Walker and Martha Shepard Collins, was born July 3, 1926 at Detroit, Michigan. Robert graduated from Western Michigan College, now Western Michigan University. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree. Robert married Maxine Martineau born April 1, 1926 at Traverse City, Michigan on February-----1951 at Corpus Christie, Texas.

Robert did his military service in the Navy and liked it so well that he decided to make the Navy his career.

Robert and Maxine have two children to date:

70. Mark Shepard born January 3, 1952.

71. Karen Lynn born February 14, 1953.

59. MARGARET[6] (Carroll[5], Maud[4], Mary Maria[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) (Margie) Maud Collins, daughter of Carroll Walker and Martha Shepard Collins, was born April 1930 at Wyandotte, Michigan. Margaret graduated from Traverse City High School and from the University of Michigan.

Margaret married Carter Bruce Strong born February 9, 1924 at Jackson, Michigan on July 25, 1952 in the Episcopal Church at Traverse City with a reception at the Country Club following. The wedding was a most beautiful and elaborate one.

Carter is also a graduate of the University of Michigan with the class of 1950. His major was Architecture. Carter is a member of an architectural firm in Traverse City in 1957. He has several professional affiliations. Their children are:

72. Carter Collins born June 24, 1953 at Traverse City, Michigan.

73. Brian Ervin born March 9, 1955 at Traverse City, Michigan.

Source: Margaret Collins Strong.

61. MARTHA[6] (Edith[5], Maud[4], Mary Maria[3], William Fuller[2], William[1]) Jean Wilson, daughter of Edith Charlotte Collins and Walter W. Wilson, was born June 11, 1920 at Lansing, Michigan. Martha graduated from Lansing Central High School. She married Edwin Charles Bintz born January 28, 1918 at Ann Arbor, Michigan on March 22, 1941 at Lansing, Michigan.

Edwin graduated from Lansing Central High School and attended Michigan State University, then M.S.C., for two years. He joined the Abrams Instrument Corporation in 1941 and in 1957 is Vice-President and Works Manager of that corporation.

Edwin is a member of: the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Lansing, the Optimist Club, the Lansing Engineers Club, the Industrial Executives Club, the American Society of Photogrammetry, and the Society of Photographic Engineers.

Martha and Edwin are active members of Central Methodist Church in Lansing.

Martha is a member of: the P.T.A. Council Board, Opti-Mrs. Club, Church Circle No. 7, and has taught Sunday School.

Martha and Edwin live at 2121 West Mt. Hope Avenue, Lansing in

1957. Their children are:

74. Barbara Lee born July 19, 1942 at Lansing, Michigan.

75. Bonnie Jean born July 21, 1944 at Lansing, Michigan

76. Julie Ann born December 30, 1949 at Lansing, Michigan.

77. Ronda Kay born May 6, 1951 at Lansing, Michigan

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